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SUBJ: BAKSAL DISSOLVED AND PARTY FORMATION BANNED

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IN RELATED ACTS LAST SATURDAY (AUGUST 30), PRESIDENT MOSHTAQUE (A) ISSUED ORDERS DISSOLVING THE BANGLADESH KRISHAK SRAMIK AWAMI LEAGUE (BAKSAL) AND VOIDING ITS CONSTITUTION, SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND THE AUTOMATIC DESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR MPS AND OTHERS, AND (B) PROMULGATED AN ORDINANCE PROHIBING THE FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: THE EFFECT OF THE ORDERS AND THE ORDINANCE IS NOT ONLY TO ELIMINATE MUJIB'U ONE-PARTY SYSTEM, AS EXPECTED, BUT ALSO TO PUT ALL PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON ICE. WHILE THIS
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ACTION IS NOT NECESSARILY INCONSISTENT WITH WORD WE HAVE HAD FROM

THE NEW GOVERNMENT THAT IT INTENDED TO GO BACK TO A MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM WHEN "NORMALCY" HAS BEEN RESTORED, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO MENTION OF AN EVENTUAL RETURN TO DEMOCRACY WAS MADE IN THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS. MINISTER OF STATE SHAH MOAZZEM#TOLD AN EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 1 THAT HE WOULD EXPECT THE BAN TO LAST FOR A YEAR. HE ADDED THAT THE INTENTION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS TO RESTORE "DEMOCRACY" BUT, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MUJIB ERA, "SOME TIME" WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONDITIONS TO BE CREATED IN WHICH POLITICAL PARTIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO FUNCTION CONSTRUCTIVELY. BOSTER

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